

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a mailing system utilizing a computer for printing one or more addresses to a mailpiece, a method of printing postage and an address, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) producing an address matched mailpiece having a set of text data while utilizing a word processing software application with a mail merge capability;

(b) printing said address matched mailpiece information from a client application to a printer driver as a print stream which contains textual information that includes the matched mail piece textual address and control code information in order to use said print stream as a mechanism to determine which information contained within said matched mail piece is textual information and which information is control information;

(c) sending said print stream [information] to a print stream processor module;

(d) determining at said print stream processor module which information contained within said [a ddress]print stream matched mailpiece information is textual information and which information is control code information;

(e) removing said control code information from said address matched mailpiece to obtain the textual address;

(f) parsing the one or more addresses from said [textual information]print stream and sending said [textual information]print stream to a document printer, and sending said parsed one or more addresses to an address correction/coder component[to assure that a valid address has been processed];

(g) determining by said correction coder that each one of said parsed one or more addresses is valid, and if said parsed address is not valid, then correcting said parsed address in accordance with a predetermined set of instructions to make it valid; and

[(g)](h) sending by said print stream processor module said valid address to an IBIP indicia generator to create an indicia image and an address image to be printed on said mailpiece by an envelope printer.

2. (currently amended) A mailing system utilizing a computer for printing IBIP postage and an address to a mailpiece, said system comprising:

(a) means for producing an address matched mailpiece having a set of text data while utilizing a word processing software application with a mail merge capability;

(b) means for printing said address matched mailpiece from a client application to a printer driver as a print stream which contains textual information that includes said matched mail piece textual address and control code information in order to use said printer stream as a medium to determine which information contained within said matched mail piece is textual information and which information is control information;

(c) means for sending said print stream [information]to a print stream processor module;

(d) means for determining, at the print stream processor module, which information contained within said print stream[address] matched mailpiece information is textual information and which information is control code information;

(e) means for removing said control code information from said address matched mailpiece to obtain the textual address;

(f) means for parsing said one or more addresses from said [textual information]print stream and [sends]sending said [textual information]print stream to a document printer, and [sends]sending said parsed one or more addresses to an address correction/coder ~~component to assure that a valid address has been processed~~;

(g) means for determining by said correction coder that each one of said one or more addresses is valid, and if said address is not valid, then correcting said address in accordance with a predetermined set of instructions to make it valid; and

(h) an IBIP indicia generator means for creating an indicia image and an address image to be printed on said mailpiece.